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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT

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- 1. ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) SECGEN FARUK SUKAN, NO RPT NO NEW GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO BE EMERGING BEFORE OR DURING NEXT WEEK'S NATO MINISTERIAL. HIS PARTY, WHICH HOLDS KEY TO CONSERVATIVE COALITION PROPOSED BY DEMIREL (REFTEL), WILL SOON MAKE COUNTER-PROPOSAL THAT SUCH COALITION BE HEADED BY INDEPENDENT, HE SAID. HE WAS SURE THAT COUNTER-PROPOSAL WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO DEMIREL.
- 2. ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED, SUKAN OBSERVED, IS THAT PRESIDENT KORUTURK HAS YET TO DESIGNATE ANYONE TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT AND PROBABLY WILL NOT RESUME HIS CONTACTS WITH PARTY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERS BEFORE DECEMBER 11. SUKAN ALSO NOTED (AS HAVE SEVERAL

MEMBERS OF OTHER PARTIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED RECENTLY) THAT ANY MOVEMENT TOWARD RESOLVING GOVERNMENT CRISIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT UNTIL AFTER REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) NATIONAL CONGRESS DECEMBER 14-16. HE BELIEVED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE "IN ABOUT 15 DAYS" FOR HIS PARTY TO ARRANGE COALITION WITH RPP WITH IRMAK OR OTHER INDEPENDENT AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, HE SAID, DP IS STILL UNWILLING TO BOW TO RPP'S INSISTENCE ON ELECTIONS THIS SPRING, PREFERRING OCTOBER DATE.

3. COMMENT: SUKAN'S FORECAST IS GENERALLY
SUPPORTED BY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM OTHER SOURCES -INCLUDING DEMIREL SUPPORTERS -- WHO HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY EXPECTED
LITTLE MOVEMENT TOWARD FORMING GOVERNMENT IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.
IF NO GOVERNMENT IS FORMED IN WEEK FOLLOWING RPP CONVENTION,
HOLIDAY PERIOD (KURBAN BAYRAM AND NEW YEAR) COULD WELL PUT STOP
TO FURTHER POLITICAL EFFORTS UNTIL EARLY JANUARY.
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